

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: PEOPLES NATURAL GAS COMPANY, DIVISION OF UTILICORP UNITED INC.	DOCKET NO. PGA-01-70
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**ORDER DOCKETING PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT FILING FOR FURTHER
REVIEW**

(Issued October 31, 2001)

On October 1, 2001, Peoples Natural Gas Company, Division of UtiliCorp United Inc. (Peoples), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) its Annual Gas Cost Reconciliation filing for the period September 1, 2000, through August 31, 2001. The filing has been identified as Docket No. PGA-01-70. On October 17, 2001, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed an answer, conditional objection and response to Peoples' annual reconciliation filing. Consumer Advocate states that the filing is voluminous and complex and Consumer Advocate will need additional time to complete its review. Consumer Advocate also states that the refund indicated in the filing should be made immediately rather than delayed by the objection.

The Board will docket the annual reconciliation filing to allow Consumer Advocate to complete its review. The Board does not believe that the refund should be made until the final reconciliation amounts are determined.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The annual purchased cost of gas reconciliation filing made by Peoples Natural Gas Company, Division of UtiliCorp United Inc., on October 1, 2001, is docketed for further review.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 31st day of October, 2001.